Training institutes for disabled persons

4142. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the institutions imparting education/professional training to the physically challenged persons in various States;

(b) the number of such persons educated/professionally trained by these institutions during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the financial allocations made to these institutions through respective State and utilization thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) The Central Government is not financing any institution through State Governments for imparting education/professional training to physically challenged person. However, Non-Government Organisation in various States are being given grants in aid for running various projects including projects for imparting education and vocational training to physically challenged persons. State-wise number of Non-Government Organisations assisted under the scheme for imparting education and vocational training to physically challenged persons, the number of persons educated and trained and the grants in aid released to the organization for the purpose during the last three years are given in the Statement-I and Statement-ll.

Scheduled Castes in **Assam**

† 4143. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scheduled Castes of the other States have not been included in the category of Scheduled Castes in Assam;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government to include these castes in Scheduled Castes category;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction to the demands being made by different organisations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBALAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.